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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration
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SUBJECT: Proposed Cancellation of Certain Training
Courses
REFERENCE: EXCOM 81-9008, Agenda for Executive Committee
Meeting 6 May 1981

1. After reviewing the proposals of OTE for changes in the Agency training program, I find that I feel strongly enough about two suggested cancellations to put my views forward, for what value they may have.

- a. The Leadership Seminar, usually referred to as the [redacted] has brought new insights about the role of the senior manager to a large number of our SIS officers, myself included. I believe a sampling of those who have benefitted from this remarkable experience would reveal strong support for its retention, despite its cost.
- b. Trends and Highlights has been used by ODP, and I presume other offices of this Directorate, to offer a broader perspective to personnel who are not likely to be afforded the opportunity to experience the Midcareer Course or the other quota courses reserved for "comers." The alternative sources of the information offered here are not available to many who attend Trends.

2. I strongly recommend reconsideration of these proposed cancellations.

/s/ Bruce T. Johnson

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